[Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.]

(2) What is the total outlay of the Government for the past 15 years on account of planters' estates through the Public Works Department and other administrative departments ?

(3) What is the rough loss of timber and other produce for the last 15 years from the area left uncultivated in the various plantations ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) *Land tax.*—Rs. 20,06,521 This includes figures only for the years from 1093 in regard to Devicolam taluk. Information is not available for the previous years. Particulars of receipts from income tax from planters have been called for from the Income Tax Commissioner.

Export duty.—No separate account is kept to show the receipts under export duty exclusively from planters' estates. The export duty levied on tea from 1091 (the date of imposition of duty) to the end of 1101 has amounted to Bh. Rs. 33,24,260.

(2) Expenditure by—

(i) P. W. D.	...	Rs.	25,85,291
(ii) Police	...	,,	5,10,450
(iii) Medical	...	,,	1,31,026
(iv) Agriculture	...	,,	23,252
(v) Sanitary	...	,,	12,315
Total	...	Rs.	32,62,334

(3) No information is available.

Applications for the Botany Professor's place in the Science College.

68. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a Botany Professor's place has fallen vacant in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Science;

(*b*) the names of the applicants for the place and their respective qualifications; and

(*c*) whether anybody has been recommended to the place by the Principal, and, if so, the reasons for recommending him ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) The questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Auction sale of Arrack and Toddy Shops for 1104.

69. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the auction sale of toddy and arrack shops for the year 1104, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of bidders, by caste, of the several shops throughout the State;

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(*b*) the number of shops which have been removed from places at which they are now (1103) located and the reasons for the removal; and

(*c*) the average area for which there is an arrack as well as a toddy shop, for the town and country separately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

(*b*) The information can be obtained only after the licenses in respect of the shops are issued in Chingam 1104.

(*c*) The information has been called for.

The Vembannur Ryots' Road.

70. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Vembannur ryots' road which was begun about 8 years ago under the direction of a special officer (Mr. Viraraghava Aiyar) and which the Chief Engineer said in the Budget Session of the Council, 1101, he would immediately take over for maintenance, has been completed; and

(*b*) if not, whether they will enquire what the delay is due to?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The road has been opened for a total length of one mile and 3,800 ft. and to a width of 20 ft. against 22 ft. required by the Ryots' Roads Rules. The full width of 22 ft. as also a small length of 400 ft. have yet to be opened. The work is delayed on account of the refusal of the ryots concerned to take the road through their lands. Steps are being taken by the Land Revenue Department to obtain the additional lands required.

The open portion of the road has been taken under departmental maintenance from 1102 onwards.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state the length of that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): 1 mile and 4,200 feet.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know when the work was begun?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say when exactly the work was begun.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know what arrangement has been made by the P. W. D. to open the remaining portion of that road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is pending surrender by the interested ryots of lands necessary for the full width of the road. The Chief Engineer and the Land Revenue Commissioner have been written to in the matter.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member be pleased to state when the Land Revenue Department began the formidable task of acquiring lands for this road?

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